GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided to various States, including Uttar Pradesh under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the number of workers benefited/ likely to be benefited under MGNREGS during the current financial year in various States, State-wise;

(c) the number of days for which employment is provided under the said scheme at present alongwith the wages fixed, State-wise; and

(d) whether some States are paying wages to workers under MGNREGS over and above the wages fixed by the Union Government and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 108 for 09.02.2017.

(a): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a demand driven programme. Hence no State/UT-wise allocation of fund is made. The Central funds are released to the States/UTs including Uttar Pradesh on the basis of agreed to Labour Budget and taking into consideration the performance and the pace of utilization of available funds. Details of fund released to States/UTs including Uttar Pradesh under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the last two years and the current year (as on 03.02.2017) is indicated at Annexure-I.

(b): Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act, 2005 provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. The number of workers provided employment in States/UTs under the MGNREGA during the current year (as on 01.02.2017) is indicated at Annexure-II.

(c): State-wise details of the number of days of employment provided to households under MGNREGA are indicated at Annexure-III. Wage rates for workers under the MGNREGA, 2005 are notified and revised annually by the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(1) of the Act. State/UT-wise details of the notified wage rate w.e.f. 1st April, 2016 is given at Annexure-IV.

(d): All States except Bihar are paying wages to workers under MGNREGS as per the wages fixed by the Union Government. The wage rate notified by the Central Government for Financial Year 2016-17 for Bihar is Rs. 167. However, the State of Bihar is paying Rs 177 to MGNREGA workers.